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To whom it may concern:

I am sending you this letter to urge you to grant petition # **98P-0151/CP1** to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

There are many reasons why the marketing of downed animals should be discontinued:

It is possible that some of these animals may be infected with diseases, such as "Mad cow", that has been linked to human illness and death.

Since downed animals are unable to move, they are usually pushed with tractors or pulled with chains which causes injury and pain to the animals. I have also seen video footage where downed animals are shocked and pulled by the ears by handlers in order to move them from one place to another.

If there were a law forbidding the marketing of downed animals, it would provide an incentive for the agricultural industry to take better care of their livestock, thereby preventing the occurrence of downed animals.

Even as I write this letter I am saddened by the suffering that is being endured by these animals and know that the passage of laws to protect them will show that, as humans, we are the true stewards of God's creatures that we have been called to be.

Sincerely,



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